(a) whether Government have assessed the requirement and demand of water for different uses in the small towns of Gujarat and the availability of utilisable water in such towns of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Central assistance has been made available to the State for the purpose during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and results achieved therefrom, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANT KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No Central assistance has been made available during the last three years to the State of Gujarat for the purpose of assessing the requirement and demand of water for different uses in the small towns of Gujarat. However, this Ministry is implementing the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) since 1993-94 under which funds are provided on 50:50 matching basis between Centre and the State Governments. Central assistance of Rs. 2117.78 lakhs in respect of 47 water supply schemes has been provided to Gujarat since inception of the Scheme.

Production of documentary films

†*354. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of fees Doordarshan charge on the proposal for the production of documentary films in the commission category and the extent of time being taken to accord approval;

(b) whether there is any special provision for Kashmir and the North-Eastern Region;

(c) the details of the proposals which are pending with the Director-General, Doordarshan for the last two years;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) whether it is a fact that the proposals are kept pending for unduly long time;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that as prescribed in the relevant guidelines, Doordarshan charges an amount of Rs. 25,000/- as processing fee for each proposal of commissioned programmes at the headquarters and Rs. 10,000/- for each proposal at Regional Kendras including North-Eastern and Jammu and Kashmir Kendras. No specific time-frame has been prescribed for approval of the programmes.

(c) Prasar Bharati has informed that approximately 1790 proposals for commissioning are pending in Directorate General of Doordarshan and these are at different stages of processing.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Textile and Agricultural markets in European Union

*355. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the World Trade Organisation, the European Union has failed to make significant progress in opening its textile and agricultural markets to competitions from overseas;

(b) if so, whether the periodical analysis of EU trade policy by WTO reinforces India's contention that the EU places significant barriers in access to its markets;

(c) whether India's textile and agriculture markets are greatly affected due to this EU decision; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?